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REMARKS

Applicants amended claim 47 to add the word "comprise", such that the "storage units comprise hard disk drives." Applicants note that similar language is used in claims 4, 12, 19, 27, 34, and 42, which also recite that the "storage units comprise hard disk drives" and have the same requirements of claim 47 in different claim forms, i.e., method, system, and article of manufacture claim forms, instead of the computer readable medium claim form of claim 47. Thus, not including "comprise" in claim 47 is an obvious inadvertent mistake. Applicants request the Examiner to enter this amendment because it does not alter the scope of the claims and corrects an inadvertent mistake.

In the statement of reasons for allowance submitted with the Notice of Allowance dated December 10, 2004, the Examiner provided various reasons for allowance. Applicants will not specifically address or respond herein to the issues/points raised by the Examiner in the Examiner's provided remarks. However, this should not necessarily be viewed as constituting acquiescence by Applicants as to the correctness of some or all of the Examiner's provided remarks.

Moreover, Applicants note that the claims are directed to various combinations of features. It is respectfully submitted that the patentability of each of the allowed and allowable claims resides in every feature of the recited combination of features of the claims in addition to the features noted by the Examiner.

Applicants submit that no new claims or new matter has been added to the application. Nonetheless, should any additional fees be required, please charge Deposit Account No. 09-0466.

The attorney of record invites the Examiner to contact him at (310) 553-7977 if the Examiner believes such contact would advance the prosecution of the case.

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